

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating a request for proposal (RFP) in an electronic marketplace, the method comprising the computer implemented steps of:  
posting the RFP in an electronic marketplace;  
communicating a portion of the RFP to at least one secondary marketplace participant from of a plurality of primary and secondary marketplace participants; and  
providing access to the RFP to the plurality of primary and secondary marketplace participants, wherein access to the RFP is utilized by the at least one secondary marketplace participant from the plurality of primary and secondary marketplace participants to generate a proposal for the portion of the RFP; and  
posting ~~[[a]]~~ the proposal in the electronic marketplace ~~from the at least one of the primary and secondary marketplace participants, wherein the proposal is associated with the RFP.~~
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein access to the proposals proposal ~~posted by primary and secondary marketplace participants~~ is restricted to specific parties.
4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:  
posting a modified version of the ~~original~~ RFP in the electronic ~~market place~~ marketplace, wherein ~~modifications are~~ the modified version of the RFP is based upon proposals submitted by the primary and secondary marketplace participants.
5. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the electronic marketplace is a public marketplace.
6. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the electronic marketplace is a private marketplace.